has three components (i) the scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) to encourage self employment and skill upgradation by providing subsidy, loan, training and infrastructural support; (ii) the Scheme of Urban Wage Employment (SUWE) provides wage employment opportunities to urban poor; and (iii) Scheme for Housing and Shelter Upgradation (SHASU) provides technical training in construction trades and assists beneficiaries belonging to weaker section of society (EWS) in housing and shelter upgradation.

Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PM's IUPEP): Recognising the seriousness and complexity of urban poverty problems especially in the small towns having population between 50,000 to 1,00,000 where the situation is more grave due to lack of resources for planning their environment and development, the Prime Minister had announced on 15th August, 1994 an integrated scheme for amelioration of poverty known as the Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PM's IUPEP). The foremost objective of the new programme is to attack several root causes of urban poverty simultaneously, in an integrated manner. The specific objectives under the new programme will be (i) effective achievement of social sector goals; (ii) community empowerment; (iii) convergence through sustainable support system; (iv) improvement of hygiene and sanitation; and (v) environmental improvement.

(c) Does Not arise.

MOC officials joining Reliance Industries

750. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Senior Level Technical and other official up to Secretary level of the Ministry of Commerce and its attached/subordinate offices have joined M/s. Reliance Group of Industries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof for the las three years and on what basis th requisite Government permission wa granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THI MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir No senior officer of the Ministry o Commerce or its attached/subordinat offices has sought or obtained permissio to take up employment with M/s Reliance Group of Industries during th last 3 years.

Steps to improve trade relations wit Romania

751. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK Will the Minister of COMMERCE b pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have take any steps to improve the trade relation with Romania;

(b) if so, the areas in which Indo Romania trade relations have bee established;

(c) the new areas in which the export i proposed to be increased to Romania i 1995-96; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THI MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBRAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Our major items of export t Romania have included iron ore, ferr alloys, oil meals, castor oil, drug pharmaceuticals & fine chemicals an coffee; items of import have include fertilisers manufactred, gold and silve iron and steel, artificial resins, plasti material etc., project goods, non ferrou metals, organic/inorganic chemicals an transport equipment.

(c) and (d) It is proposed to expan the valume of trade in the existin commodities being exported to Romania Some of new areas in which the export t Romania could be increased ar computers in CKD/SKD condition, ad on cards for the automation industry an

colour monitors, consumer electronics, electromedical equipments, automation control equipment and equipment for civil aviation.

Export of foodgrains

752. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to increase the export of foodgrains;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction during last three years; and

(c) the details of proposal of Government for increasing the foodgrains export in 1995-96.

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) It is the policy of the Government to encourage export of agricultural items keeping in view domestic availability and demand. The measures taken to enhance exports of foodgrains include, interalia;

(i) elimination of the Minimum Export Price and quantitative ceiling in respect of rice.

(ii) a quantitative ceiling of 2.5 million MTs for non-durum wheat, 10,000 MTs for pulses and 30,000 MTs for Coarsecereals such as Ragi, Jowar, Bajra, Barley and Maize etc. has been fixed for the year 1995-96.

(iii) arranging buyer seller meets, advertising, inviting delegations to visit the country, participation in International Trade Fairs, improved packaging, quality control and promotion of brand names.

(iv) In view of the comfortable stock position of foodgrains in the Central Pool, Government has also authorised the FCI to export/sell for the purposes of export upto 2.5 million tonnes of wheat and 2.00 million tonnes of fine and superfine rice from public stocks during 1995-96.

Indo-Japanese trade talks

753. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-Japanese trade talks were held in October last in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon;

(c) whether Government propose to expand trade relations with Japan; and

(d) if so, the new areas identified for the propose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir, the talks were held in New Delhi during October 26-27, 1995.

(b) The economic situation in both countries, regional economic cooperation and cooperation in the fields of Trade, Investment and Tourism were discussed. It was decided to institute a follow up mechanism to resolve bilateral trade and investment problems.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Agriculture, Computer Software, Textiles, Engineering Gold Jewellery etc. figure among the areas identified for expanding trade relations with Japan.

आयात/निर्यात के क्षेत्र में कार्य निष्पादन

754. **श्री सोमपाल:**
श्री इकबाल सिंह:

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान तथा चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के पहले आठ महीनों के दौरान आयात-निर्यात के क्षेत्र में कार्य का निष्पादन क्या रहा है;

(ख) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान निर्यात के क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये गए हैं;

(ग) चालू वर्ष के दौरान आयात के क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये गये हैं; और

(घ) देश के निर्यात लक्ष्य को बढ़ाने और आयात को कम करने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं?